

# Carroll County Democrat

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## NEW YEAR PLANS

What is Huntingdon Going to Do For the Year 1919?

Are the merchants and business men of Huntingdon making any plans worth while for the year 1919? Are you going to do anything to make the town better and a more decent place in which to live?

Huntingdon can be made a very attractive place if the people will take up, shake off their lethargy and do something to beautify the town, and attract the people who are away from it.

We need very badly a commercial club. We notice a golf club has been organized. Why not a commercial club? We need our community pride made more manifest. We should organize and work in harmony for the betterment of the town and community.

## Lincoln's Birthday

The republican are planning to make February 12, Lincoln's birthday, a memorable occasion by celebrating it as a get-together day for Tennessee republicans. A splendid portrait of former Gov. Ben W. Hooper will be presented to the state and fitting exercises are being planned to mark its presentation. Representative E. O. Hunter, of Monroe county, is in charge of the program.

## TO SPEED RETURN

President Confers With Pershing on Demobilization Plans

If President Wilson has his way, all of America's fighting men now in Europe will be back in the United States within the next eight months.

It became known Sunday that the president's conference with Pershing Saturday dealt exclusively with the subject of demobilization. The president is known to be deeply interested in the speediest possible return of the American troops. He realizes that the homecoming affects every American in the United States, and he is therefore anxious to cut the time and allow the men to go back to civil life without any delay at all.

Mr. Wilson, it is understood, has questioned Gen. Pershing particularly with regards to the German merchant marine available for transportation of our soldiers. It is believed that the president is anxious to expedite the situation.

He thinks the bridge of peace which carried America's men across the Atlantic to the battlefields should be just as able to return them to their homes.

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mended by Mr. McAdoo, is an advocate of the latter's plan for five-year continuation of government control to provide a test period and has supported most other policies of the retiring director-general with whom he has been associated throughout the last year of government management. He is accredited with having originated many policies of the railroad administration. If congress does not enact new railroad legislation at an early date, Mr. Hines favors returning at once the roads to private management, and this is expected to develop into a strongly contested issue within the next month or two.

## Erect Monuments

The erection of memorials or monuments in every county in Tennessee to the men who served in the United States army or those of the allies during the great world war is authorized in a bill prepared and put before the general assembly by Representative Leath of Clinton. The bill authorizes county courts in Tennessee to erect these monuments or memorials.

## EDUCATIONAL WORK

Lack of Money and Scarcity of Teachers Hinder Progress

We feel that the county court did the proper thing in re-electing D. T. Barnhill county superintendent of public instruction for another term, with an increase in salary.

In Mr. Barnhill's report he mentioned the improvements made educationally during his incumbency of ten years, and suggested improvements that must be made if the county progresses. The county has four special school districts, four first-class high schools, one second-class and five third-class, one vocational school for negroes and two others in contemplation. He stated that illiteracy in the county was 11 per cent, and that fifty of his best teachers resigned because they could get better salaries elsewhere; also that if the county expects to receive certain funds from the state and government, which are available, it must raise its school tax or appropriations for schools.

The county is confronted with two very serious conditions, the scarcity of funds and the inability to get teachers at salaries that have obtained in the past. In order to get certain state funds or help from the state the county must make certain appropriations.

Competent teachers are finding better salaries in other counties and are refusing to teach here so long as they can do better elsewhere.

The county court cannot afford to allow its school interests to lag, for the children are entitled to the very best possible. The school funds, however, cannot be handled too carefully, and there should be as little waste as possible.

## Woods—Butler

Mr. Olin Woods, of the Twenty-third district, and Miss Mattie Lee Butler, of Hollow Rock, were married Sunday, December 29, at the home of F. B. Barnhart, the ceremony being said by Rev. W. E. Gibson in the presence of a large crowd of their friends, who wish them a happy and long life. After the ceremony they drove to the home of the groom, accompanied by Mr. Dolphus Perriett and Miss Doye Barnhart.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to return our thanks to Dr. B. C. Dodds and our other friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of our dear, loving son, brother and nephew, Murray L. Orr.

MR. AND MRS. NEWTON A. ORR AND CHILDREN.  
T. P. ENOCHS.  
J. W. ENOCHS.

Miss Mabel Clark returned home Wednesday night after two week's visit in Jackson.

## ROBERTS INAUGURATED

Ceremonies Void of Pomp and Ostentation

Gov. Albert Roberts was inaugurated the thirty-second governor of Tennessee Wednesday at 11 o'clock in the hall of representatives at the capitol in the presence of the joint convention of the house and senate and with the galleries packed to capacity. Details of confederate veterans were in the gallery, while a guard of four members of Company H. Fourth Tennessee, in charge of Capt. Talley, were just without the bar of the house.

The hall in which the exercises were held had been lavishly decorated by the committee on arrangements, and the Stars and Stripes were used in the decorations.

Prominent men from all over the state were assembled to witness the ceremonies, and accompanying them were their wives and friends, while the house and senate, arrayed in its best bib and tucker were assembled to do honor to the first gentlemen of the state.

Gov. Rye delivered his farewell address and the incoming governor delivered his inaugural address. Both speakers were timely and well received. The oath of office was delivered by Chief Justice Lansden.

## Trezevant Bible Institute

The annual Bible institute of the Trezevant Baptist church has been planned for the last week of March again this year. The first service will be held on Wednesday night before the fifth Sunday and the institute will close with service on Sunday night. The program is being prepared now by the pastor, Elder L. R. Riley. The fifth Sunday meeting of Central association will be held with the same church in conjunction with the institute.

## REAL ESTATE DEALS

Property Selling High in Huntingdon and Community

Real estate continues to boom in Huntingdon and community. Farm property, especially is high, and continually going higher.

Garver & Garver, real estate agents, closed a deal this week of considerable importance. They sold the E. P. Thorne place, two miles south of Huntingdon, on the Huntingdon and Lexington road, to a Mr. Frey, of Missouri. This farm contains 270 acres, and the consideration was \$13,500. Mr. Thorne has owned the place several years, having purchased it from Ben Dickey. He made a nice profit by buying the place, although he never moved to it. His home is in Orleans, Ind.

F. A. Newhouse, who lives two miles west of town, sold his home this week to a Mr. Albin from some point in Middle or East Tennessee. The price paid was \$5,250. Mr. Newhouse is looking for another farm and will remain in the community if he can buy.

Mr. M. Lusky has sold his residence on Nashville street to County Court Clerk J. W. Jarrett. The deal was made this week and the consideration was \$3,500. We did not learn when possession will be given or where Mr. Lusky will move to.

E. M. Norman last Wednesday sold his Dalton farm that he bought about one year ago. He sold to Sam and Arthur Jordan, colored. The consideration was \$7,500. Mr. Norman, we understand, paid \$5,000 for this place.

## A Speaking Tour

President Wilson is considering a speaking tour of the United States when he returns home. It is said this trip will take him into many of the principal cities, and it is possible he may touch the Pacific coast. His plans are not yet matured, but it is believed he has discussed the plans with his advisers.

## PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

Soon to Become a Part of the Federal Constitution

Jubilant over the results of the greatest prohibition week in history, dries in congress Saturday night predicted that another week would see the dry amendment a part of the Federal constitution.

In the last week nine states ratified the amendment, bringing the total to twenty-four.

In this week twelve more—enough for final ratification—are expected to affirm the action, and by the end of this month forty-one, and perhaps forty-three state legislatures, will ratify, the dries anticipate.

The states which ratified last week are Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, West Virginia, Maine, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

The senates of California and Illinois also passed the amendment.

The only states which, according to the dries, will not ratify are New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and perhaps Missouri and Illinois.

Although the dry amendment is not effective for a year after ratification by the thirty-six states, the dries will seek to pass at this session of congress a measure carrying stiff penalties for the amendment and additional federal machinery to hunt down violators. Representative Barkley of Kentucky has introduced a bill providing for a prohibition commissioner under the internal revenue commission.

The amendment was ratified last week by the Tennessee legislature. This action was among the first things accomplished by that body. In the senate there were two votes against ratification and six in the house.

## CONTRACTS SIGNED

For Constructing Over 300 Miles of State Highways

Contracts have already been let for approximately 300 miles of the total 600 miles of uncompleted federal aid roads in Tennessee, and construction work will begin as early in the spring as weather conditions permit, according to Prof. Charles E. Ferris, member of the state highway commission and dean of the college of engineering of the University of Tennessee.

"Much criticism has been made of the alleged inactivity or the commission," Prof. Ferris stated, "especially in regard to lack of work on federal aid highways. The commission has been greatly handicapped by the government embargo on building materials, necessitated by the war."

"The commission will give most of its attention to completing connecting links in through highway," Prof. Ferris said in discussing road building. He said that reasonable priority will be given the construction of the Bristol-to-Memphis highway, a trans-state thoroughfare, and to the appendages of the Dixie highway which crosses the breadth of the state twice, from Cumberland Gap to Chattanooga and from Nashville to Chattanooga.

Approximately 2,200 miles of federal aid road comes under the consideration of the commission this year. About 1,400 miles of this total has been more or less completed and is now open to travel. As much of the remaining mileage as possible will be completed during the coming road building seasons. The 2,200 miles of highway, when completed, will accommodate 78 counties of Tennessee.

The greater part of this work will be done in the western part of

the state where many miles of federal aid roads are yet to be commenced. The work in East Tennessee consists chiefly in constructing connecting links. A link will connect Knoxville and Atlanta, via Maryville and Cades Cove, through the Chilwee mountains, striking the North Carolina and Tennessee state line near Spencer's Gap.

## Want Trains Resumed

A special from Hickman, Ky., says:

It is talked here that the morning train into Hickman from Nashville and the night train out of Hickman on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, which were removed as a matter of economy shortly after the war began, will be put back into service at an early date. The trains taken off were the most important in regard to mail and express and their return will mean much to local business interests.

## WILL REMAIN HERE

Huntingdon High School Adds Demonstration Work

Former County Agent C. H. Moody will remain in Carroll county as head of the new agricultural department added to the high school at Huntingdon. This announcement follows after a week of strenuous effort begun on first Monday immediately after the county court took its backward step in discontinuing the appropriation to support demonstration work in Carroll county. Quite a number of progressive citizens took the matter in hand and raised a fund sufficient to meet the requirements for federal aid which is offered to high schools which will do agricultural work. The high school at Huntingdon has met all requirements and has been approved for this kind of work. The new department embraces classroom work and some field and project work in and around Huntingdon.

The addition of this work will be a great boon to the school and to the whole farming section about Huntingdon.

## Elect Officers

The annual stockholders meeting of the Trezevant Telephone company was held last week and officers and an executive board for the ensuing year were elected. The following officers were re-elected: J. L. Cochran, president; W. F. Smith, vice-president; R. L. Bryant, manager; John G. Holmes, secretary-treasurer. The following six other members of the company were elected to serve with the above named officials on the executive board for the year: Thomas Baker, Herschel Hames, Elbert Ethridge, Fred Roswell, William Cloyd and Harvey Jones. Reports showed the affairs of the company in excellent condition.

## Annual Meeting

At the twelfth annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Insurance company of Carroll county held in McKenzie, Saturday, January 5, the secretary's report shows \$288,815 insurance was written the past year, and paid members for losses \$4,696, and the books show \$1,591,299 insurance at the close of business December 31. A board of directors were elected as follows: H. L. Kemp, B. S. Thomas, J. W. Cook, J. M. Thomas, W. H. Holland, T. E. Thomas, J. C. Sasser, of McKenzie; G. M. Holmes, of Atwood; Jno. M. Dillehunt, of Rounton; Frank E. Johnson and J. M. Nesbitt, of Huntingdon; F. P. Compton, of Hollow Rock. B. S. Thomas was re-elected president; J. W. Cook, vice-president; J. M. Thomas, secretary-treasurer.

## EXPENSIVE BUSINESS

Present Method of Road Building in Carroll

Carroll county's mud roads is one of the county's greatest burdens.

Judge Enoch's report last week to the county court showed that \$17,924.72 had been paid out last year by the county court for bridges and levees alone. This is an enormous sum when compared to the good accomplished.

There are at least 3,000 men in Carroll county within road age, who are presumed to give five days each to the work of the public roads. This means 15,000 days of work were put on the roads last year. A man's work is worth \$1.50 a day, making the cost of this item alone about \$22,500.

Add to this \$22,500 the amount paid by the county court, \$17,924.72, and you have a total of \$40,424.72 paid in cash and its equivalent on the public roads last year.

This sum would pay the interest on \$500,000 good roads bonds, and have \$15,000 left for a sinking fund, or for road maintenance.

And we would have good roads, a thing we haven't got now and never will have under the present system. This penny wise and pound foolish economical policy of our county will always keep us in the mud.

## A BACKWARD STEP

Great Surprise Caused by Action of County Court

At least a few citizens of the good county of Carroll are disappointed at the action of the county court last Monday in refusing to make the necessary appropriation for the county agent and the home demonstrator this year. We thought that the experimental stage had been passed in this county, that a sufficient number of people knew that beyond any doubt that money spent in this way added to the material wealth of the taxpayers of the county so that they would be better able to meet their obligations to the county. We did not expect anything but an increase in the tax rate, and hope to get it yet in the April term, but that will be too late to provide the county with a county agent and a home demonstrator. We were really not prepared for such a shock as we received last week.

Arguments have been produced and statistics quoted to show the value of such work in our county, and we cannot understand the reason for this backward step on the part of our county court. Perhaps some of us have been misled. Maybe it is not the proper thing to have the principles of scientific agriculture taken to the people. Just allow them to grope their way in darkness and find out for themselves how to make two blades of grass grow where one formerly grew, how to increase the value of hogs in a county \$8,000 in one year, and how to put the federal government's order to sow 3,000 acres of wheat over the top.

We respectfully ask that our county judge or some member of our county court write an article and show to the people the wisdom of their act on last Monday. If the thing is all wrong, somebody has been guilty of misappropriation of funds in the past, and in many places they are still guilty of such conduct. If such is the case we need not change the heading of this article to a "A Forward Step" and rewrite the article. Let us have the facts.

Respectfully,

E. H. HARRELL,  
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